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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8, 16-17, and 20-22.

Please amend claims 1-2, 7, 11-12, 15, 18-19, and 24-25 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of electronic document sending comprising:
 sending an electronic document from an electronic document sender to an electronic document receiver having an electronic address; and
 electronically obtaining the electronic address of the electronic document receiver, via wireless communication, from an address book located externally of the electronic document sender.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the obtaining step further comprises:
 disposing the external address book in a mobile computing device that is separate from the electronic document sender.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 and further comprising:
 providing the electronic document sender as at least one of a multi-function printer, a scanner, and a digital sender.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~2 and further comprising:
 providing the mobile computing device as at least one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile phone, and a portable computer.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 and further comprising:
 providing the electronic document receiver as at least one of a facsimile machine, a multifunction printer, a desktop computer, a mobile phone, a personal digital assistant, a host server, a portable computer, and a digital sender.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 and further comprising:

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providing the electronic address in the externally located address book as at least one of a facsimile number, an uniform resource locator, a host computer address, an network address, and an electronic mail address.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of document sending comprising:

electronically importing an electronic address of an electronic document receiver, via wireless communication, from a mobile computing device that is independent of the electronic document sender into an electronic document sender; and

sending an electronic document from the electronic document sender to the electronic document receiver using the electronic address.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The method of claim 7 and further comprising:

imaging a paper document with the electronic document sender to produce the electronic document.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7 and further comprising:

storing the imported electronic address in an internal address book of the electronic document sender.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 and further comprising:

erasing the imported electronic address, after transmission of the electronic document from the electronic document sender, from at least one of an activity log and an internal address book of the electronic document sender.

12. (Currently Amended) An electronic document sender comprising:

an imaging mechanism configured for creating an electronic document from a paper document;

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a user interface configured for activating the imaging mechanism, configured for requesting an electronic address of an electronic document receiver from a mobile computing device that is external to, and separate from, the electronic document sender, and configured for initiating sending the electronic document to the electronic document receiver; and

a communication module in communication with the user interface and configured for wirelessly obtaining the electronic address from the separate mobile computing device and ~~configured~~ for sending the electronic document to the electronic address of the electronic document receiver.

13. (Original) The electronic document sender of claim 12 wherein the electronic document sender comprises at least one of a multi-function printer, a scanner, a digital sender, and a facsimile machine, each of which incorporate the imaging mechanism, the user interface, and wireless communication module.

14. (Original) The electronic document sender of claim 12 wherein the user interface is configured to request from the mobile computing device a distribution list comprising a plurality of electronic addresses of electronic document receivers and the communication module is configured to obtain the distribution list of electronic addresses and send the electronic document to each electronic address in the distribution list.

15. (Currently Amended) An electronic document sending system comprising:
an electronic document receiver having an electronic address;
a mobile computing device having an external address book with the electronic address of the electronic document receiver; and

an electronic document sender independent of the mobile computing device and configured for sending an electronic document to the electronic address of the electronic document receiver and ~~configured~~ for obtaining, via electronic wireless communication, the electronic address from the address book of the mobile computing device.

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16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The An address book of an~~ electronic document sender of claim 12 wherein the user interface comprises an internal address book including comprising:

an internal storage and retrieval mechanism for maintaining a database of ~~at least one~~ electronic addresses of a plurality of electronic document receivers, including the electronic address; and

an external retrieval mechanism, in communication with the communication module, configured for ~~optionally initiating retrieval of obtaining~~ the ~~at least one~~ electronic address of the electronic document receiver from ~~at the~~ mobile computing device.

19. (Currently Amended) A mobile computing device comprising:

at least one of a portable computer, personal digital assistant, and a mobile phone, each of which includes:

an address book configured to store~~containing~~ at least one electronic address of an electronic document receiver; and

a wireless communication module configured for transmitting the at least one electronic address from the mobile computing device to an electronic document sender that is separate from the mobile computing device.

20-22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of document sending, the method comprising:

importing an electronic address of an electronic document receiver from a mobile computing device into an electronic document sender; and

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sending an electronic document from the electronic document sender to the electronic document receiver using the electronic address.

24. (Currently Amended) The medium~~method~~ of claim 23 comprising:

performing the importing step through wireless communication between the electronic document sender and the mobile computing device.

25. (Currently Amended) The medium~~method~~ of claim 23 and further comprising:

imaging a paper document with the electronic document sender to produce the electronic document.